an agricultural university in Meghalaya. There is, however, a proposal to establish a Central Agricultural University to serve the States/Union territories of the North-eastern region. Units of this proposed university are likely to be established in various States/Union territories of the north-eastern region.

(b) The draft project proposal was sent to all the States/Union territories of the north-eastern region. The comments of the State Government of Meghalaya have not yet been received.

(c) The proposal is yet to be developed into a final project document for consideration of concerned bodies.

Establishment of Avian Research Centre at Hyderabad

799. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken by Government regarding the establishment of Avian Research Centre at Hydrabad; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The proposal to consider a Regional Station of Central Avian Research Institute in the 7th Plan at Hyderabad along with other two was considered and correspondence for location of a suitable site was made with the State Government. However, it had not been possible to accommodate the unit at Hyderabad owing to the low plan allocation as the Andhra Pradesh Government had asked the Council to pay a sum of Rs. 41 lakhs towards the cost of old structures available with the Poultry Science Department of Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University. A Centre at Bhubaneswar has however been approved during the 7th Plan.

Court cases against Delhi Development Authority Officials

800. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed in the courts of law against the Delhi Development Authority officials for corruption, frauds, malpractices, irregularities and for acquiring assets disproportionate to their known sources of income during the last one year;

(b) the number of officials convicted in the courts and the details of punishments given;

(c) the number of cases which are still under investigation; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to root out corruption from the Delhi Development Authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (c) Two, both these are still pending.

(b) Nil.

(d) A statement is attached.

Statement

A number of steps have been taken to guard against fraud and corruption in DDA. The Heads of Departments have been advised to fix regular visiting hours to meet the public. The Vice-Chairman himself is freely available to the public. He also hears public grievances on Monday and Friday in the presence of Heads of Departments.